

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

receiving a request from a client to access a subscribed online service of a subscriber at an online service provider, said request comprising a globally unique identifier (GUID) of the subscriber;

determining if the GUID is associated with the subscriber; and

facilitating access to the subscribed online service of the subscriber if the GUID is associated with the subscriber.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining if a request for roaming capability is received, said request for roaming capability includes an email address; and

facilitating the roaming capability utilizing the received email address upon so determining.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said facilitating comprises sending an email, including the GUID associated with the subscriber, to the email address.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the method further comprises storing the GUID including email at an email service provider hosting said email address.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein said facilitating comprises sending an email with an uniform resource locator (URL) of the online service provider to the email address.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said GUID is stored in a cookie at the client.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises retrieving the GUID from an email stored at an email service provider.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said retrieval is performed from a subsequent location that is different from an original location where the subscriber caused said email to be stored at said email service provider or from the same original location after the subscriber reconfigured the original location.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving subscription data including the GUID; and
associating the GUID with the subscriber.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein said receiving of subscription data comprises the user filling out fields of a web site of the online service provider.

11. A storage medium having stored therein a plurality of instructions that are machine executable, wherein when executed, said executing instructions operate to receive a request from a client to access subscribed online services of a subscriber at

an online service provider, said request comprising a globally unique identifier (GUID) of the subscriber, determine if the GUID is associated with the subscriber, and facilitate access to the subscribed online services of the subscriber if the GUID is determined to be associated with the subscriber.

12. The storage medium of claim 11, wherein said executing instructions further operate to determine if a request for roaming capability is received, said request for roaming capability includes an email address, and facilitate the roaming capability utilizing the received email address upon so determining.

13. The storage medium of claim 12, wherein said executing instructions operate to send an email, including the GUID associated with the subscriber, to the email address.

14. The storage medium of claim 12, wherein said executing instructions operate to send an email with an uniform resource locator (URL) of the online service provider to the email address.

15. The storage medium of claim 11, wherein said executing instructions further operate to cause the GUID to be stored as a cookie at the client.

16. The storage medium of claim 11, wherein said executing instructions further operate to receive subscription data including the GUID, and associate the GUID with the subscriber.

17. The storage medium of claim 11, wherein said executing instructions operate to receive the subscription data as filled out fields of a web site of the online service provider.

18. An apparatus comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of instructions that are machine executable, wherein when executed, said executing instructions operate to receive a request from a client to access subscribed online services of a subscriber at an online service provider, said request comprising a globally unique identifier (GUID) of the client, determine if the GUID is associated with the subscriber, and facilitate access to the subscribed online services of the subscriber if the GUID is determined to be associated with the subscriber; and

a processor coupled to said storage medium to execute said instructions.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said executing instructions further operate to determine if a request for roaming capability is received, said request for roaming capability includes an email address, and facilitate the roaming capability utilizing the received email address upon so determining.

20. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said executing instructions operate to send an email, including the GUID associated with the subscriber, to the email address.

21. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said executing instructions operate to send an email with an uniform resource locator (URL) of the online service provider to the email address.

22. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said executing instructions further operate to cause the GUID to be stored in a cookie at the client.

23. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said executing instructions further operate to receive subscription data including the GUID, and associate the GUID with the subscriber.

24. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said executing instructions operate to receive the subscription data as filled out fields of a web site of the online service provider.